

Eugene Active Transportation Committee



Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Sloat Conference Room
Atrium Building, 99 W. 10th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401 (Enter from the back alley off 10th Ave)

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Attendance: Kelsey Moore, Lindsey Hayward, Brian Johnson, Bob Blyth, Bob Beals, Michael DeLuise, Allen Hancock, Sam Miller, Michele O’Leary, Marina Herrera, Amy Harter, Holly Rockwell (Springfield BPAC)

Absent: Nick Alviani, Josh Kashinsky, Robbie Dow

Staff: Reed Dunbar, Shane MacRhodes, Ophelia Cavill

Members of the Public: Brad Foster, David Sonnichsen, Connie Berglund

Notes

1. Open Meeting

2. Public Comment

Brad Foster. City of Eugene doesn’t seem to have a plan for weather. Bike paths are in the flood plain. Snow plows cover sidewalks. Don’t rebuild facilities in places you don’t maintain (concerned about West Bank Path).

3. Approve March 14, 2019 Meeting Summary Notes

Action Requested: Approve Meeting Notes

Blyth said that “Syd” should be spelled with a “y”. Also, Blyth mentioned that the new building will be behind 4j offices, not the Whiteaker School.
Approved with changes.

4. South Bank Path Closure and Detour

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Reed Dunbar/Shane MacRhodes

City staff presented the proposed detour of the South Bank Path/EWEB site. The South Bank Path will be closed for about 2 years as site mitigation, park development, site development, and path rehabilitation occurs. All path users will be expected to use the North Bank Path. For users south of the river, the wide sidewalk on the north side of Franklin/Hilyard will remain open.

Comments:

- Should the S Bank be closed even when we can open it for a few months temporarily?
 - Mixed feelings. Might be better to get folks used to the long-term closure and detour.

- Is there an opportunity to make the detour feel like a bikeway? Maybe add some sidewalk clings. Also, when constrained environment on the path, can we add centerline? Maybe.
- Think that a lot of people are going to want to stay on the path. Concern about the narrow section on the North Bank Path receiving additional traffic and congestion. Might want to try Day Island Road as the official detour.
- Can you redeck the Autzen Footbridge Bridge (which is wood)? Staff can check on maintenance schedule.
- 6th at High is janky. Going around St Vincent De Paul causes a little chaos too. Need more signs and markings in this location.
- Can you test taking the northernmost lane on Franklin from near Onyx to Alder? Staff can discuss this with traffic operations.

5. Central Eugene in Motion

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Reed Dunbar

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/4147/Central-Eugene-in-Motion>

The *Central Eugene in Motion* study will look at the impacts of making traffic changes and explore the array of transportation options available to serve multimodal trips.

The geography for the study includes Lincoln Street on the west, 5th Avenue on the north, High Street on the east, and 20th Avenue on the south. Within this area there are two-way streets, one-way couplets, sidewalks, bikeways, and transit stops. As the demand for transportation continues to increase, the city is looking at ways to best achieve transportation balance while meeting the needs of system users and land use changes alike.

Based on projects and goals identified in the TSP, potential transportation changes that will be explored through the study include:

- a. changing select one-way streets to bi-directional streets to reduce out-of-direction travel
- b. improving bicycling infrastructure to encourage more people to ride bikes, potentially replacing automobile trips
- c. making changes to lower traffic speeds to reduce injury severity
- d. enhancing transportation corridors for improved safety and mobility (such as changes to traffic signal timing and installation of crosswalks)

Comments

- Concerned that developers and contractors do not understand what the city's goals are.
- Some developers are trying to get around bike parking requirements. Be ready to have conversations about why we're doing this. Need community buy-in.

- Engagement piece is really important. People that commute into downtown will have a different opinion. Employers are hearing from employees that they don't have enough parking.
- Messaging is important. Is the problem mode share or parking supply? Need to tell the story better.
- Parklets. Recognized that people liked them, overall, but there was some controversy that they "took" a parking space. Is downtown for people or for cars?
- Most negative parking perceptions based on not being able to park directly in front of their destination.
- Part of the strategy should be to market Park n Rides. Let people choose non-car options for getting into downtown.
- Will parking analyses include private parking? Hopefully so.
- Is it easy to find parking garages? The downtown wayfinding plan will include new, uniform parking signs to help guide people.
- How can advocates share opinions? Community outreach will collect comments. Consultants and city are working on getting the right groups in the room for these discussions.

6. Active Transportation Annual Report

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Shane MacRhodes

MoveEUG strategy plan and MoveEUG Annual Report show what's going to happen, and what's been done. Also, want to officially announce the Vision Zero plan was adopted.

One last announcement – will have a neighborhood greenway on Alder Street this summer, it will include a "Neighborhood Greenway" sign. Comments on sign:

- Sign includes a lot of trees
- Size? About the same size as a street sign.
- Where will these go? They are toppers for street signs. They will go at each corner.
- Light green and white is hard to see. Look at accessibility and contrast standards to use the best color palette for people with colorblindness or low vision.
- Make sure that when you sign a neighborhood greenway that it has some value to it. What makes it a greenway? Don't put these everywhere.
- Speeds of neighborhood greenway? All will become 20mph, design speed is 15mph to 20mph.
- Will there be gateways into the greenways? Not really.
- On the sign, the breast for the woman walking a dog is too much. Remove.

Strategy Document

- Move EUG has 63 strategies to achieve in order to meet community goals.
- Staff would like ATC to review the strategies and identify anything that ATC accomplished.

- For example, Programs Subcommittee has started working on the Bicycle Friendly Business program.
- Recommend that each subcommittee talk about this at the next meeting.

7. Transportation Options Events May-October

Action Requested: Presentation and Discussion

Presenter: Shane MacRhodes

Shane distributed a handout with the 2019 Schedule.

- Party in the Parks
- Eugene Sunday Streets
- Breakfast at the Bike Bridges
- Other Events (webinars, conferences, rides, etc.)
 - Business Commute Challenge. Is the interface better than in years past? Not this year, but ODOT is moving to a new vendor platform (Rideamigos.com - which supports all forms of active transportation and ride matching)
 - Sacramento has a really good program that would be good to model.
- Webikelane.org - online clearinghouse of active transportation events.
 - Members of the community can enter events into the calendar
 - Event posters are distributed around the community.

SmartTrips Update

- SmartTrips Downtown – gathering partners to help implement the program.
 - Looking into using apps for “mobility as a service”
 - Looking into the Portland program called “transportation wallet” which is a package of transportation options.
 - Using technology for wayfinding

Eugene Sunday Streets

- September 22nd, Downtown
- EUG Parade theme is “Steppin’ Out”

Introduced Ophelia (in attendance) and Lillie as new Transportation Options interns. Will be working on BBB, Party in the Parks, and development of SmartTrips programming.

Bicycle Friendly Business breakfast event happening in Eugene at the Chamber of Commerce on June 5th.

8. PeaceHealth Rides Bikeshare Update

Action Requested: Information Share

Presenter: Lindsey Hayward

<https://peacehealthrides.com/>

It’s been ONE YEAR since PeaceHealth Rides launched. Everyone is invited to a celebration!

- Happy Hour April 18th

- Eugene Marathon Expo April 26th and 27th

Operations Update

- People did ride the bikes in the winter (higher rate than in Portland's BIKETOWN system)
- Lindsey discussed the adjustments that were made to the system. These include adding stations in locations where bike share bikes were commonly parked.
 - Lane County Fairgrounds
 - Amazon Pool
 - 19th and Agate
 - Valley River Center (ODOT Pilot Project)
 - Can you put a station on South Willamette? Yes, there is a site identified in the Market of Choice (Woodfield Station) location. Waiting until roadwork on Willamette is completed.
- The operations crew has also acquired an electric assist tricycle to help rebalance the system.

May is Bike Month

- The entire month of May is FREE for everyone on the monthly plan (or signs up for a monthly plan).
- Smart Cycling Lunch & Learn
- Free rides from Kesey downtown every Wednesday
- Community rides

If someone wants to do an orientation for new riders can PeaceHealth Rides help out? Yes, let us know how we can help.

9. Subcommittee Reports

Information Share

Programs Subcommittee: focusing on Bicycle Friendly Business program. Will focus on S Willamette and downtown first and locations where major bicycling improvements are occurring. Staff will order more materials for outreach to businesses.

Infrastructure Subcommittee: looked at the "Difficult Intersections" map and list. Encourage committee members to add to the list. Would like everyone to add their Top 6 intersections. Ultimately, would like to hand over a list of intersection to the city for review and mitigation of issues.

10. Project Updates

Information Share

Alder at 19th: There will be temporary diversion added to Alder Street at 19th Avenue. It will allow passage across 19th Avenue for people walking and bicycling; people in cars will be able to turn right only.

E Amazon Bikeway Signal: there is a problem with the detection camera. This should be fixed in a few weeks, but striping has not been installed and

that cannot occur until the street is dry. It may be a while before this is activated.

Alder Street Greenway: Plan is to add speed humps, fix the offset intersection at 25th Avenue, add a traffic circle at 28th Avenue, and fix the curb radius on the northeast corner of Alder at 30th. Project should occur this summer.

BikeLink Lockers: new pamphlets available. Tell you friends to try them out! \$0.05 per hour. You need to buy an access card from the LTD Service Center (\$20, with \$20 of time on it).

11. Information Share

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Presenter: All

Michele: BEST has a banquet and awards ceremony on June 21st. You can nominate folks.

Beals: "Bikes of Wrath" film coming to Eugene.

Michael: May 22nd at Whirled Pies there is a Town Square public meeting. Please attend and voice your opinion.

Allen: SB 998 would introduce the "Idaho Stop" in Oregon. Currently in session. If you support, let your legislator know.

Marina: Ride of Silence May 15th

Kelsey: CycloFemme is May 12th (Owen Rose Garden)

Sam: Springfield BPAC talking about Bicycle Friendly Businesses and CycloFemme. Also, lots of discussion about upcoming street projects (Springfield Pavement Bond). Also there is an opportunity to help clean up the riverfronts on April 20th, ask Sam for more information.

Brian: experience walking around construction projects on local streets downtown like Lawrence and 5th is mixed. But, even with detours, it's still not a great place to walk. Because so many streets involved, need to think of this as a series of blocks, not just individual closures.

12. Adjourn 7:30

Future Agenda Topics

- Franklin Boulevard Transformation
- Vision Zero
- Police Chief – Traffic Enforcement and Bicycle Theft

- Bicycle Parking Code Adoption
- Scooters/Micromobility – May
- Eugene Sunday Streets/Party in the Parks/Other Activities – April/September
- EUG 2021 and Active Transportation Coordination - August
- Walking and Biking System Gaps - August
- Shared Use Path Safety
- MovingAhead Updates
- Pedestrian-Bicycle Pavement Bond Measure and Projects
- Temporary Pedestrian Access Routes
- Transportation Demand Management Requirements

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